

IN THE COUNCILS.

MINISTER DAMON ASSUMES HIS DUTIES.

Words of Praise for ex-Minister Porter.

The Stamp Act—Routine Business.

MONDAY, May 29.
The Councils convened at 2:20 p. m.

There were present Ministers Dole, King, Damon, Smith and ex minister Porter; Councilmen Allen, Hatch, Emmeluth, McChesney, Waterhouse, Tenney, Young, Nott, Wilder (vice-president), Morgan and Bolte.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Retiring minister Porter read the following weekly financial statement:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 1893.

Cash on hand May 20, 1893.	\$ 38,260 55
Receipts, week, sale of bonds.	5,000 00
Receipts, week, general revenue.	22,285 79
	\$ 65,546 34
General expenses for week.	\$ 66,941 78

Outstanding indebtedness:	
Treasury notes.	41,000 00
P. M. G. notes.	160,000 00
	\$210,000 00

Overdue indebtedness:	
Treasury notes.	9,000 00
P. M. G. notes.	130,000 00
	\$139,000 00

Postal Savings bank memo: Excess of payments by the treasury to P. S. B. over receipts for period. Total notices withdrawn P. S. bank to date. Due depositors, P. S. bank this date. Notices maturing this date. Estimated deposits this month. Excess withdrawals over deposits for week. Cash on hand, P. S. bank, this date. Expenses, Prov. Govt. memo: Exps. Prov. Govt., to date " during week.

Section 2, memo: Paid to date, account Sec. 2, Appropriation bill. Outstanding bills, say. Memo, cash in treasury: Silver in treasury to redeem certificates: silver, \$268,000; certificates, \$14,000. Road board fund in treasury. School board fund in treasury. Available cash, as above.

Total cash in treasury. \$405,381 14
Respectfully submitted,
THEO. C. PORTER,
Minister of Finance.
Honolulu, May 29, 1893.

At the conclusion of his report Minister Porter stated that the finance committee had not met yet, but would meet next week and near the first of the month would submit the regular report.

Chairman Bolte of the military committee reported that inquiries had been made and they were ready to report favorably regarding the purchase of primers and shoes for the military.

President Dole said that delay had better be made until the committee was ready to hand in its written report.

The first reading of the amended bill on the stamp act was had.

Mr. Allen said before a vote was taken, as one of the minority, he wished to present another bill which might be passed in case the amended one did not pass. He said the bill read would work a hardship to stock holders, and would tend to check the buying and selling of stocks.

President Dole said it had been understood both reports were to be considered together.

Mr. Waterhouse moved the minority bill be considered with that reported from the judiciary committee. Carried.

After asking for information as to the progress of the bills under consideration during his absence, Minister Smith moved that the original bill be taken from the table and considered with the other two. Agreed to.

Minister Smith then moved the adoption of the original bill. He said that when proposed the old law had met with opposition, but had in the end been found to be most convenient and a provident bill for revenue. For the biennial period ending March 31, 1888, the total stamp revenue had amounted to \$99,824.50 and the average might be estimated at from \$48,000 to \$50,000 a year. Proceeding at some length he gave a history of the evolution of acts on the question of revenue stamps. He considered the original bill as so good a revenue measure that there was really no reason for opposition to it, and there was certainly no need of special legislation as proposed. The amended bill would do no public good, but in practical effect would release corporations able to pay the loss as well as the few smaller stockholders who wished to escape the tax. He asked why corporations should be allowed to escape this just tax in order to release a few individuals who really did not suffer under the law, when it was properly understood. The tax at best was one fifth of one per cent. It was only 20 cents on \$100, and therefore both small and large holders could stand it. The small holder was certainly not oppressed,

and those who were able to make \$100,000 deals could easily stand it.

Mr. Emmeluth illustrated an objection to Mr. Smith's argument, and asked that it be explained.

Minister Smith explained that there would be no stamp needed in the case supposed by Mr. Emmeluth.

Mr. Tenney explained that lack of a stamp did not vitiate the certificate of stock. As introduced, he favored the passage of the amended bill.

Mr. Wilder raised a point as to re-dating certificates.

Mr. Tenney read a clause of the bill covering the objection.

Mr. Allen said it was not so much the amount of the tax that was objected to but the annoyance which it was thought would work a hardship to poor people.

Minister Smith explained that the objections offered by the minority did not apply. The bill was neither annoying nor inconvenient. In the past it has proved the most simple and easy, besides being a source of large revenue.

Mr. Emmeluth said there should be some way of determining what certificates were a re-issue; the certificates themselves should show this.

Minister Smith explained the seller must see his certificates were stamped or they would be refused.

Mr. Morgan thought it would be unjust to tax one man and let another escape, no matter what the amount. He agreed with Minister Smith, and saw no trouble in carrying out the bill.

Mr. Wilder was opposed to the bill providing \$1 tax on each certificate. He believed in a revenue measure, which that was not. He agreed with Minister Smith.

Mr. Young stated that after careful consideration, he would support the original bill.

Minister Smith moved the indefinite postponement of the minority bill. Carried.

Mr. Hatch offered a slight amendment to the original bill to make it clear, which was accepted by Minister Smith and the bill passed to see on reading.

Minister Porter arose and stated it was his intention to withdraw from the finance department today and thought it would be as well that Mr. Damon be officially appointed to succeed him at once. It was his intention to leave for the Coast by the Gaelic if he could get accommodations.

In leaving he wished to express the keen sense of regret he felt in parting from his colleagues. As long as he had held office he had entire confidence in them and he would say here that he had never seen a more harmonious body of men.

Minister Smith moved the acceptance of the resignation at once. He did this knowing the circumstances of Mr. Porter's acceptance of the office. The executive council highly appreciated Mr. Porter's work while in office. It had been most satisfactory, he had left the finances of the government in a far better condition than they had ever been in before. The finances of a nation are of vital importance, and their present splendid condition are due to the indefatigable labors of Ministers Porter and Jones. It is with the deepest regret the executive council parts with Mr. Porter.

The resignation was accepted. Mr. Damon was then unanimously elected to be minister of finance.

President Dole stated Minister Damon's commission would be made out today.

At 3:20 the councils went into executive session.

OBJECT TO THE DAY.

The Myrtle Boat Club Will Not Row on September Second.

The Myrtle boat club held a special meeting last evening to consider the Healanis proposition to row a match. The Healanis want to row on September 2d, the ex-queen's birthday, or any day thereafter.

The Myrtles answered that the day best suited to them would be the 4th of July; and there the matter rested.

At the meeting last evening the delegates were instructed to notify the Healanis that they would row on any day before or after September 2d, but not on that day.

The club also decided to send to the States for a copy of rules governing rowing races, to prevent any future disputes.

THE RACES ARE OFF.

There Will Be No Meeting on June Eleventh.

The Jockey Club has decided not to hold their annual meeting on June 11th. The reasons for this determination are many but the chief one is the death of James Gay. He owned several of the best horses on the islands. Messrs. Cornwell, Cummins and Horner for some reason did not seem to take any interest in the affair, with the above result. When spoken to yesterday Mr. Cornwell stated that his best horse, Lord Brock, was not in good condition and that is the reason he did not send his stable down. He is not certain that Lord Brock will be in condition to enter the races to be given at Kahului on July 4th.

A Public Accommodation.
In a few days the post office will possess a long-felt want. It will be a window for the sale of stamps. This innovation will be appreciated by a long-suffering public, who now have to stand for a half hour sometimes in order to get their turn at the present window.

COL. VON WERTHERN.

HE SENDS A BILL FOR \$10.25

FOR SHAVING TO THE

UNITED STATES.

The Trouble Arose Over Eighty-nine Cents Duty on Two Old Razors.

An honored veteran of the late civil war, who owns two razors which are also survivors of that unhappy epoch, has created consternation in the United States treasury department by sending in a shaving bill for \$10.25. He could have raised whiskers and saved the government this heavy expense, but he did not propose to have his rights as an American citizen trampled upon.

The aggrieved individual is Herman von Werthern of San Francisco, who went to Honolulu last summer for his health. The party of the second part is Timothy Guy Phelps, collector of the port of San Francisco. In his zeal to protect the government the collector seized Mr. Werthern's ante-bellum razors when he sent them up to this city from the islands to be ground and returned to him.

When the facescrapers arrived E. B. Jerome, an expert on commercial law, examined the ancient tools, looked up the law and decided that they were not of American manufacture, and therefore dutiable. They were sealed and locked up in the appraiser's stores awaiting the payment of 89 cents duty. In the meantime Mr. Werthern's whiskers were growing at a terrific rate in Honolulu.

All kinds of verdure, including whiskers, thrive amazingly in that tropical climate, and the owner of the razors was wasting his substance in riotous shaving at two bits per shave. During this time his antique but American-built razors languished and grew rusty in the custom house. The lynx-eyed officials of that department were altogether too vigilant for Mr. Werthern.

No second-hand razors could escape them, but trifles, such as cargoes of rich silk or tons of opium, are sometimes overlooked in the rush of more important business. Nothing was known of the affair here until the other evening, when a news item telegraphed from Washington stated that a citizen of the United States, living in Honolulu, had filed a complaint with the treasury department against the collector of the port of San Francisco for holding out his razors.

There was also inclosed the barber bill for \$10.25, which Mr. Werthern is going to collect if he has to garnish the president's wages.

A visit to the custom house disclosed the fact that the veteran had been deprived of the use of his two old razors for the period of six months, and that he paid the 89 cents duty before they were released from custody. Here is a letter he wrote to the collector regarding the two old razors:

HONOLULU, August 17, 1892.—Mr. Phelps, Collector of Customs—Sir: Under date of June 20th I mailed per parcel post two old razors to M. J. Hayes & Son, 1424 Market street, San Francisco, for the purpose of being ground, sharpened and returned to me. This parcel has not been delivered to him up to date. After inquiry by my son, Dr. Joseph von Werthern, at the post office in San Francisco, he has been informed that those razors had been kept by the custom house officers for 5 cents duty on them. Now, I would ask you how can this be? Those razors I bought in 1862 in New York shortly before my regiment—the One Hundred and Thirty first New York Volunteers—started out in the field. These same razors served me during the war (in which you have not participated) and up to the present time. Mr. Hayes will testify that he has ground and sharpened these same razors for the past six years during my stay in San Francisco. Now I am temporarily absent on account of my health; the razors become dull; I send them to be ground and returned to me; the custom house officials take hold of the parcel and charge me duty on it. Where in—comes the duty on two old razors, especially if they are sent to be ground and returned? I do not know of any duty on transit goods, but especially not on two old razors which were bought in the United States and are the property of an old veteran temporarily absent from his home in San Francisco. Therefore I request you to have those razors delivered and sent to their destination without any further delay, and for the time that I have been unlawfully deprived of their use I shall present to you my barber bill at 25 cents a shave for every alternate day. Respectfully,
HERMAN VON WERTHERN.

In the foregoing epistle Mr. Werthern has clearly established the pedigree of his razors and proved the fact of their citizenship, besides boldly calling the attention of the collector of the port to the fact that he did not participate in

the late rebellion. Had he done so he would probably have recognized the razors, and thus saved the United States large shave and bay-rum bill. Immediately upon receipt of this letter Mr. Phelps had some fresh seals placed on the two old razors and then replied to the irate veteran at Honolulu as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, August 25, 1892.—Herman von Werthern, Honolulu. Sir,—Your rather sarcastic letter in reference to your two old razors sent by parcel post to M. J. Hayes is received. I can hardly think that you have been rightly informed as to the status of the case. If you had, your anger would not have risen.

The package did arrive by parcel post, and was valued by the sender at \$2, upon which duty was assessed at 89 cents instead of 5 cents, as stated by you. Mr. Hayes never made any application to this office for the razors to be ground, nor was there anything on the package indicating what they were sent for.

Had Mr. Hayes come to this office and explained the circumstances I would, as a matter of accommodation, allowed him to take them out, grind them and remail them to you.

No one can tell by looking at the razors that they belong to a valiant ex soldier, nor would that fact, had it been put, entitled them to free entry, as they are of foreign manufacture.

They would only be free of duty if they had accompanied you on your return. I am sorry you did not think to write to Mr. Hayes and in strict him to call this office and ask to have them delivered. So far as your bill for shaving is concerned, you are at liberty to present it, but, under the circumstances, I think I shall decline to pay it.

Respectfully,
T. G. PHELPS, Collector.

This ended the international discussion regarding the razors, as the veteran's son paid the duty and turned them over to the grinder. It is said that this razor episode did much to convince Mr. Werthern of the immediate necessity for annexation as a boon to men who shave themselves in Honolulu. Nothing definite is known of the progress of the bill through the many intricacies of the treasury department.—S. F. Chronicle.

New Advertisements.

Funeral Notice.

THE MEMBERS OF LODGE LE Progress de l'Océanie No. 124, A. F. & A. M., are requested to meet at the Lodge Room, on King Street, THIS DAY (Tuesday), at 12:30 o'clock, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our Late Brother John Smith Walker. Members of Hawaiian Lodge and all Visiting Brethren, are respectfully requested to attend. By order of the W. M.
F. H. REDWARD,
Secretary.
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Notice.

PERSONS WISHING TO CONTRIBUTE Flowers to the G. A. R. Post, for decoration day services, if they will bring up 228 Main Telephone, the Flowers will be called for, or if they choose to forward to Post Room on King Street, please leave them by 10 o'clock A. M. on TUESDAY, May 30, 1893.
PER THE COMMITTEE.
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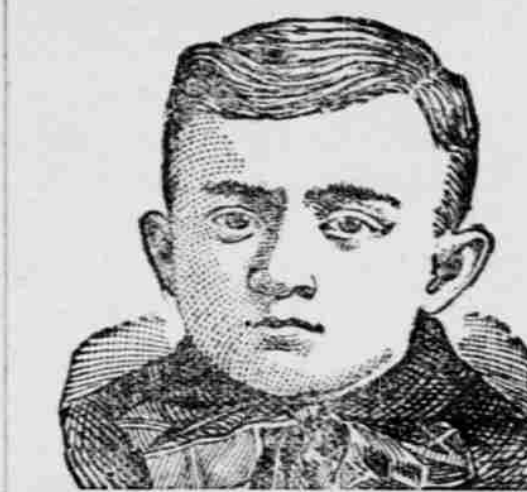
THE ABOVE REWARD WILL BE paid for any information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who purloined the copy of Mr. J. T. Stevens' Remarks on the Hawaiian Situation, and published the same in an evening paper in this city, May 24, 1893.
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Honolulu, May 24, 1893. 3388-6t

Notice of Instruction.

PROFESSOR B. RUCHWALDY begs respectfully to inform the ladies and gentlemen of Honolulu, that he has lately arrived here with the view of teaching Violin, Cello, Guitar, Mandolin, Philomela, etc., etc.

The Professor was formerly in the Court of Siam as Violin Virtuoso and Informant to H. M. the King and Princes of Siam, where he was decorated by the H. M. with the Royal Gold Medal of Honor—PESAMALLA.

Applications to Arlington Hotel, No. 8, are requested for particulars and terms.

Honolulu, May 16th, 1893. 3382-4t

MORTGAGEE'S

Foreclosure Sale of Chattels!

BY VIRTUE OF A CHATTEL mortgage, executed by James Nott, Jr., to Alfred A. Doiron, dated March 8, A. D. 1892, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds in Honolulu, book 131, page 464, and following, and upon which default has been made, to wit: non payment of interest, I will expose for sale and sell for cash, at public auction (unless sooner disposed of at private sale as hereinafter provided), on MONDAY, the 12th day of June, A. D. 1893, at 12 o'clock noon, at corner of Alakea and King Streets, in said Honolulu, the property mortgaged, consisting of 1 Bay Horse, 1 Buck Skin Mare, branded ace clubs on hip and L. E. L. under mane; 1 Wagon, 1 Brake, 2 Hand Carts, 2 Saddles, 2 Sets Harness, and also, all Tools and Stock in trade, comprising or belonging to the plumbing business of the mortgagor heretofore conducted at said corner of King and Alakea streets, and now being and situate at said place of business, also, a Life Insurance Policy on the life of the mortgagor, to wit: number 391,491 for \$1,000 in the Equitable Assurance Society, dated June 4th, A. D. 1888.

The undersigned is authorized under said mortgage to dispose of the aforesaid property at private sale and will do so if he receives an advantageous offer therefor, prior to the date of said auction.

A complete schedule of the property and further terms of sale and other particulars can be obtained of W. A. Kinney, attorney for the undersigned, No. 318 Fort street, Honolulu, or at the public auction aforesaid.

ALFRED A. DOIRON.
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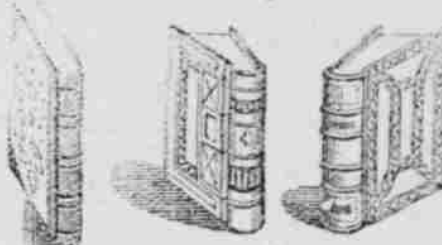
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